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APPLICATION FOR U.S. PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of:

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

Francis Hsieh et al.

Entitled: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE DISTRIBUTED NETWORK AND METHOD

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

1. ☒ This Fee Transmittal Form
2. Applicant is:  
☒ Large Entity  
☐ Small Entity  
☐ Small Entity Statement enclosed  
☐ Small Entity Statement filed in prior application.  
Status still proper and desired.
3. ☒ Specification (31 Total Pages)
4. ☒ Drawings (2 Total Sheets)  
☒ Formal  
☐ Informal
5. ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☐ Total Pages)  
☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
☒ Copy from a prior application  
(for continuation/divisional only)

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6. The accompanying application is:

- ☐ Original
- ☐ Continuation
- ☒ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

**Prior Application No.: 08/884,882**

**Filed: June 30, 1997**

**Examiner: R. Pizarro**

**Group/Art Unit: 2732**

which is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (For Continuation or Divisional Applications only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5 above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.)

7. ☐ Priority of foreign Application No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C.  
§ 119.

☐ A certified copy is attached.

☐ A certified copy was filed in prior Application  
Serial \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed  
\_\_\_\_\_.

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Sterling Commerce, Inc., a Delaware corporation, at reel 9258, frame 0727 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records, and was recorded on December 17, 1997.

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**FEE CALCULATION:**

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED  
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FEE CALCULATION					FEE
	Number		Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
					\$ 710.00
Total Claims:	6	-20 =	0	X \$18 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =	0	X \$80 =	\$0.00
Total of Above					\$
Less 50% for Small Entity					\$
TOTAL FILING FEE =					\$710.00

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:**

9. ☐ An Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.  
A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.28 and  
§ 3.31 is included with an Assignment recordal fee of  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h).

10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations.  
☒ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of  
these references are not being furnished.

11. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

12. ☒ Certificate of Mailing

13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

14. ☒ Other: Nonpublication Request

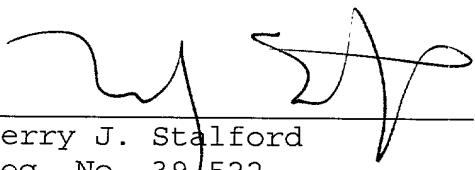
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In re Application of: Francis Hsieh et al.  
Filing Date: July 9, 2001  
Title: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE DISTRIBUTED  
NETWORK AND METHOD

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		Title	Electronic Commerce Distributed Network and Method
		Atty Docket Number	021768.1163

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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